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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in all areas. Retail demand was fair to moderate, instances good for active features. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to tight and actively being sought. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good for midweek trading. Dark meat was sufficient to well cleared. Breast items and wings were no more than adequate to tight and frequently moving at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate at desirable to light weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 70.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.75 cents last year on August 17, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.00
LEG QUARTERS	39.00
WINGS	90.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Breast items and wings were close balanced to tight and moving frequently at premium levels. Dark meat was sufficient to well cleared, best for boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were usually moderate at desirable to light weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained moderately good to good for mid week trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were in tight supply. Other items were no more than adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings of additional whole fryers were barely adequate to tight with buyers actively seeking product. Retail demand was light to moderate at best with active promotions providing best draw. Movement into distributive channels was light to moderate with fast food channels receiving best interest. Floor stocks were balanced to short with sizes desirable to light. Supplies of wings were tight, bone in and boneless skinless breasts were barely adequate to tight, and adequate to barely adequate on dark meat cuts. The trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on breast items, and mostly steady on the balance parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings in fair balance to adequate overall. Retailer demand was fair to instances good where features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 12, 2006. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 12, 2006 were 5.58 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 08/12/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	212,982	210,010	+01
CHICKS PLACED	174,525	177,045	-01

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Sep-06 is estimated at 161.1 million head. This compares to 160.5 million head the previous week and to 165.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.14 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	791	122.00-195.00	-	134.39
TENDERLOINS	223	122.00-199.00	133-137	137.91
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	207	45.00-63.00	46-47	47.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	540	30.00-38.00	34-35	35.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	837	34.00-41.00	37-38	38.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	315	85.00-92.00	86-89	88.14
WINGS (CUT)	295	105.00-109.00	-	106.69
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	546	126.00-194.00	-	141.95
TENDERLOINS	168	130.00-188.00	-	132.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	195	45.00-63.00	47	47.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	31.00-68.00	35-36	36.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	797	34.00-40.00	37	37.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	85.00-92.00	89-90	89.39
WINGS (CUT)	275	105.00-110.00	107-109	107.38
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00-56.00	53.48	49.00-60.00	53.54	52.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest remained fairly good to good for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were in close balance to tight. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was firm for breast items, wings and tenders; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	131.68	595,880
TENDERLOINS	135-140	130.06	92,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	89.77	61,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.56	81,000
LEGS	49-50	50.71	89,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.18	214,680
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	46.59	61,030
THIGHS	34-35	43.21	226,430
B/S THIGHS	91-92	90.89	32,570
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	97.08	194,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.14	13,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.62	13,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.66	23,720

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	135.13	448,280
TENDERLOINS	140	120.71	117,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.88	40,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	85.34	79,200
LEGS	49-50	48.44	116,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.00	311,040
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.49	116,440
THIGHS	34-35	44.05	74,600
B/S THIGHS	91-92	86.57	69,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	95.12	150,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	19,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.43	12,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.54	7,440

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED CHARACTERISTICS OF BROKEN PAPER IN THOUSANDS								
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	WTS
	08/16	08/15	08/14	08/11	08/14	08/11	08/09	08/07
Alabama	4,108	4,128	4,069	4,086	5.24	5.05	3,904	5.28
Arkansas	5,342	5,438	5,257	4,511	5.21	5.32	5,207	5.25
Delmarva	2,248	2,137	1,956	2,559	5.28	5.24	2,278	5.62
KY-LA-TN	2,052	2,310	2,251	2,346	5.02	4.82	2,257	5.04
Mississippi	2,789	2,893	2,777	3,295	6.01	5.52	2,771	5.65
North Car	2,638	2,275	2,424	2,876	6.63	6.30	2,591	6.55
Texas	2,501	2,500	2,525	2,543	5.32	5.18	2,280	5.26
Total	21,678	21,681	21,259	22,095	5.48	5.35	21,288	5.48
Mon-Wed	65,319(A)						64,684(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Aug-06 is estimated to be 32,433,000 head up 1.53 percent from a week ago and down -2.91 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,945,000, last year 33,404,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	08/19/06 (1)	08/12/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,609 (2)	165,650
Light hens	971	968
Heavy hens	1,689	1,574
Total	166,269	168,192

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Aug-06 is 164.3 million head compared to 169.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.9 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 26-Aug-06 the estimated available is 163.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 08/14/06	108,384	66,402
AM 08/01/06	110,271	63,810
CHG	-1,887	2,592
PCT CHG	-2	4

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	08/14/06	08/07/06	08/15/05	08/14/06	08/07/06	08/15/05
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	563	553	4,904	9,646	9,596	5,261
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	273	242	54	2,708	2,760	2,660

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2006

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/15/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.25	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.35	1.38	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	7.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.50	1.75	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	7.25	-
SILKIES ea.	-	6.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	56						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 11, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	56.27	109.18	67.19	12.60	4.20	56.69
High	59.63	113.38	71.39	21.00	8.40	56.69
Mostly	56.27	109.18	67.19	16.80	4.20	56.69

**SAN JUAN**

Low	54.59	104.98	62.99	12.60	4.20	54.59
High	59.63	113.38	71.39	16.80	8.40	54.59
Mostly	54.59	109.18	67.19	12.60	4.20	54.59

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	52.07	109.18	67.19	12.60	4.20	52.49
High	58.79	113.38	75.58	16.80	8.40	52.49
Mostly	54.59	109.18	71.39	16.80	4.20	52.49

**BECERRA**

Low	53.33	113.38	71.39	12.60	4.20	58.79
High	61.31	121.77	79.78	21.00	8.40	58.79
Mostly	56.27	113.38	75.58	21.00	8.40	58.79

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued moderately good. Seller offerings were in balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to short of immediate needs. Leg quarters were adequate. Wings were adequate to short.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

63-79  
(A)  
(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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